No financial assistance is being received from World Bank for combating Hepatitis A/B/C.

Health care facilities to Senior Citizens

4111. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps being taken by Government to provide adequate health care facilities to senior citizens of the country; and

(b) the details of proposals formulated, so far and being implemented by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) A national policy on Older Persons was brought out in 1999 and subsequently various steps were taken by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for implementation of the policy. These steps, *inter-alia*, also include the steps taken to provide adequate health care facilities to senior citizens of the country.

Patients treated under NTCP

4112. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of patients treated under National Tuberculosis Control Programme during the last three years vis-a-vis its target for the relevant years;

(b) the reasons for utilization of only 13 to 27 per cent grants by the District Tuberculosis Control Centres; and

(c) the fresh steps taken for proper implementation of the programme all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Under the National TB Control Programme